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## Vukmir & Sanfelippo Call for Justice System Overhaul

**MADISON, Wis.** – State Sen. Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, and State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, held a press conference in West Allis to stress the importance of the [Victim Prevention Package](#), which consists of eight bills aimed at keeping violent and habitual offenders off the streets.

“Recent stories have shown us once again that our justice system is failing to protect innocent citizens from becoming victims of crime,” Sanfelippo said. Last month, a City of Milwaukee [employee was murdered during an attempted carjacking](#) by three individuals with extensive criminal records. “One of the three individuals charged with this heinous crime was arrested multiple times on gun-related charges yet our criminal justice system allowed this violent felon to remain on our streets which contributed to the murder of Mr. Zyskiewicz,” Rep. Sanfelippo said.

In another recent story, we learned that a judge denied the District Attorney’s request to waive a 15 year old whose [fingerprints were found on 22 stolen vehicles](#) into adult court.

[Carjacking](#), which has increased in Milwaukee County by over 50% from 2013 to 2015 is another important issue addressed in the Victim Prevention Package introduced by Vukmir and Sanfelippo.

Sen. Vukmir said, “In addition to our Victim Prevention Package, directing the Legislative Audit Bureau to review community supervision procedures is an important initial step to ensuring offenders are held accountable. We anticipate our package of bills will move swiftly through the legislative process.”

Aldermen Bob Donovan and Mark Borkowski indicated that further action is needed after [sending a letter](#) to Gov. Walker, calling for an overhaul of Wisconsin's juvenile justice system and supporting an audit of the Department of Corrections.

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